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MODERNIZATION OF POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared any plan for modernization of Post Offices and Postal Saving Schemes;

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering introduction of Electronic Transfer, ATM, DMAT of NSO as Pilot Project;

(c) if so, whether Mumbai and other major cities are being considered for such a Pilot Project;

(d) If so, whether any discussion has taken place with NSO Division, Ministry of Finance, RBI in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when such Pilot Project is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) Modernization of Post Offices including the facilities for the small savings schemes, is under implementation in a phased manner from the 8th Five Year Plan onwards.

(b) to (f) While the possibility of introducing services like Electronic Transfer, ATM and DMAT of Savings Certificates have been considered, they are still at a conceptual stage. The pilots can be launched only after the operational and financial details relating to their implementation are finalized in consultation with the concerned regulatory and other authorities. The selection of cities for pilot projects has not been made. Hence, no time frame can be indicated at this juncture for starting the pilot projects.